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WASHINGTON, DEC 7; REUTER - FOURTEEN YEARS AFTER THE KILLING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY; THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) TODAY OPENS A MAJOR PART OF ITS FILES ON THE ASSASSINATION TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

THE FBI IS REVEALING 40,000SPAGES OF DOCUMENTS ON THE SHOOTING IN DALLAS; TEXAS; ON NOVEMBER 22; 1963.

WHILE THE HITHERTO SECRET FILES WILL PROBABLY TOUCH OFF A NEW WAVE OF INTEREST IN THE ASSASSINATION; FEW STARTLING REVELATIONS ARE EXPECTED.

FBI AGENTS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVESTIGATION OVER THE YEARS NOTE THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION'S INQUIRY INTO THE ASSASSINATION WAS BASED LARGELY ON THE BUREAU'S INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES.

AND AUTOPSY REPORTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF THE FILE ARE TO REMAIN SEALED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES; CLOSED TO PUBLIC VIEW.

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THE WARREN COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND THAT HE ACTED ALONE RATHER THAN AS PART OF A CONSPIRACY.

THIS OFFICIAL VIEW HAS BEEN CHALLENGED OVER THE YEARS BUT FBI AGENTS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE SAID THEY DOUBTED WHETHER THE DOCUMENTS BEING OPENED FOR INSPECTION TODAY WOULD YIELD ANYTHING TO CONFLICT WITH IT.

THE FILES ARE BEING OPENED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; WHICH LIMITS THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO REFUSE PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN GOVERNMENT RECORDS.

THEY WILL BE OPENED AT THE FBI'S PUBLIC READING ROOM; AND THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR A VISUAL INSPECTION.

BUT ANYONE WHO WANTS TO TAKE THEM AWAY WILL HAVE TO PAY 10 CENTS FOR A COPY OF EACH PAGE -- 4,000 DOLLARS FOR A COMPLETE SET.

WHATEVER COMES OUT OF THE FILES; IT WILL NOT BE THE COMPLETE STORY.

THE SECRET SERVICE; THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ALL CONDUCTED THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS; AND THESE ARE STILL SECRET.

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